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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON MIA'S

REF : SAIGON 7290 (NOTAL)

1. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY VOTE OF 273-0 JUNE 3
ADOPTED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION (H. CON. RES. 271) ON PW/MIA
SITUATION.

2. TEXT OF MISSION'S EXCELLENT STATEMENT ON NVN/VC
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TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR POSSIBLE PUBLICATION IN CONGRESS-

IONAL RECORD.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION. BEGIN TEXT:

WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NORTH VIETNAM AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (VIET CONG) HAVE FAILED TO LIVE UP TO ARTICLE 8, PARAGRAPH (B) AND THE PROTOCOL IN ARTICLE 10 OF THE JANUARY 27, 1973, AGREEMENTS AND THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE SAME ARTICLE CONTAINED IN THE JUNE 13, 1973, AGREEMENTS, ALL OF WHICH RELATE TO FACILITATING THE LOCATION AND CARE OF GRAVES OF THE DEAD, EXHUMATION, AND REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS AS WELL AS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THOSE STILL CONSIDERED MISSING IN ACTION; AND
WHEREAS THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT (PATHET LAO) HAS FAILED TO LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1973; AND
WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES HAS CEASED ALL MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, AND LAOS AS OF AUGUST 15, 1973; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE SENATE CONCURRING)

THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL CEASE FORTHWITH ALL CONSIDERATION OF AID, TRADE, DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION, OR ACCOMMODATION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NORTH VIETNAM OR THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (VIET CONG) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AFORESAID AGREEMENTS ARE COMPLIED WITH TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

SEC. 2. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC CONCERN FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS WELL AS TO HONOR SUITABLY THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED THERE, THE CONGRESS HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND CALLS UPON THE PRESIDENT TO --

(1) COOPERATE WITH AND ENCOURAGE LOCAL OFFICIALS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CIVIC LEADERS ACROSS THE NATION TO DEDICATE AND SUITABLY MARK INDIVIDUAL TREES IN LOCAL CEREMONIES AS LIVING COMMEMORATION TO FORMER RESIDENTS WHO ARE STILL MISSING AS A RESULT OF THE FIGHTING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AS WELL AS TO ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED THERE; AND

(2) DEDICATE AND SUITABLY MARK A NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE TREE OR NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE GROVE OF TREES AT AN APPRO-

PRIATE LOCATION AS A NATIONAL LIVING COMMEMORATION TO ALL
THOSE WHO ARE STILL MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS WELL AS TO
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED THERE.

SUCH CEREMONIES SHALL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BE
COORDINATED FOR IMPLEMENTATION UPON MEMORIAL DAY NEXT.
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